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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI

DISENGAGEMENT

1. SOVIET WEEKEND PRESS MAINTAINS BLACKOUT
ON NEWS ABOUT SECRETARY'S TALKS IN ME CAPITALS
WHILE REPORTING GROMYKO'S MAY 5 ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS.
GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT (TEXT ON TASS ENGLISH
WIRE MAY 5) INDICATES THAT HIS TALKS WITH SYRIANS WILL
DEAL WITH "ME SETTLEMENT - PARTICULARLY SYRIAN-
ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT." GROMYKO ALSO REITERATES
SOVIET POSITION ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL
OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS.

2. PRAVDA MAY 5 INTERNATIONAL REVIEW BY MAYEVSKIY
SAYS ISRAELI MILITARISTS ARE CONTINUING ARMED
PROVOCATIONS AGAINST SYRIA IN HOPES THAT THEY WILL
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SUCCEED IN OBTAINING CONCESSIONS ON DISENGAGEMENT.

THESE HOPES, HE CLAIMS, ARE FURTHERED BY EFFORTS OF
CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE U.S. AND ARAB COUNTRIES TO
UNDERMINE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES
AND THE SOVIET UNION. NEVERTHELESS, MAYEVSKIY CON-
CLUDES, ARABS KNOW WHO IS FRIEND AND WHO IS FOE, AND
POSSIBILITIES FOR ACHIEVING SOLUTION TO THE ME PROBLEM
EXIST.
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